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BLM Extends Comment Period for Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects DEIS

Ely – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District, Egan Field Office has extended until **Tuesday October 13, 2015**, the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Barrick Gold U.S Inc.'s proposed Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Area Projects. The open-pit gold mine expansion would be located in the Bald Mountain Mining District in White Pine County, Nev., approximately 65 miles northwest of Ely. The BLM extended the 45-day public comment period to provide the public an additional 15 days to review and provide comments on the DEIS, which is available online at <http://on.doi.gov/14R9rZ8>.

The BLM has scheduled four separate public comment meetings at locations in Elko, Reno, Eureka and Ely, Nevada, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The dates and locations are:

- September 15, 2015, Elko Convention Center, 700 Moran Way, Elko
- September 16, 2015, Best Western Airport Plaza, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno
- September 17, 2015, Eureka County Opera House, 31 S. Main St., Eureka
- September 18, 2015, BLM Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely

The proposed Project would be located on BLM-administered lands and include expansion of the Bald Mountain Mine North and South Operations Areas for an additional 6,903 acres of disturbance.

Interested individuals should address all written comments to the BLM Ely District, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301, Attn: Stephanie Trujillo or fax them to Stephanie Trujillo at (775) 289-1910. Comments may be submitted to the following e-mail address: BLM_NV_EYDO_Barrick_Bald_EIS@blm.gov. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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